

To: Medical Radiation Technologists

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Subject: Informational Notice: Part 401 Changes / Online Renewal Processing Fee

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Part 401 Revisions

The Agency's proposed amendments to Part 401: Accrediting Persons in the Practice of Medical Radiation Technology are now effective. In summary, the adopted changes will:

Adopt and define three specific levels of supervision: personal, direct and general, and specify throughout the Part that which is required.

Require personal (in the room) supervision by a physician or accredited medical or appropriately qualified limited diagnostic radiographer for individuals enrolled as a Student-In-Training.

By rule, exempt operators of bone densitometry units from accreditation requirements.

Establish an accreditation category of Radiologist Assistant.

Adopt the passing score recommended by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) for the limited scope examination.

Add additional causes for which the Agency may suspend, revoke or deny accreditation.

Increase, effective January 1, 2008, the fee for the limited exam or for registration as a Student-in-Training from \$80 to \$100 to account for the exam's cost increase, which was recently announced by the ARRT.

Eliminate the direct and indirect categories for continuing education (CE) requirements and adopt the ARRT's options for satisfying CE. As such, non-evaluated CE credit (Category B) will no longer be accepted for CE credit after January 1, 2008. Additionally, technologists registered with the ARRT or another certifying organizations and in compliance with CE requirements or on CE probation at the time of renewal will be considered in compliance with the Agency's CE renewal requirements, thus eliminating any need for the registry or Illinois accreditation periods to coincide.

Define the process of assessing civil penalties against individuals and radiation installation operators for second and subsequent violations of the Agency's accreditation requirements, and allow either the individual or operator an opportunity to pay the civil penalty before the commencement of any administrative proceedings.

Add ribs to the list of procedures under the limited chest category and pelvis to the limited extremities and spine categories.

Each of these changes to the rule were reviewed and approved by the Agency's Radiologic Technologist Accreditation Advisory Board.

Online Renewals – Additional Processing Charge of \$1.00

The Agency's online renewal option has been well received and utilized, due to its ease of use and convenience. Payment is made online from an active checking or savings account (routing and account numbers are inputted). Previously, only the bank routing number was validated online, and the Agency was then notified in three to four business days as to whether the transaction was credited. Unfortunately, this resulted in a large number of payment rejects, which required considerable time and effort by Agency staff to contact the individual, make them aware of the payment reject and collect the funds owed.

The Agency now realizes that a majority of these reject issues can be eliminated by adding an additional online verification procedure which will also quickly validate the account number and that it is in good standing. The cost of this additional verification procedure is \$1.00, which will be processed through the Automatic Clearing House Network (ACH). This additional verification process and resultant fee is now being implemented for online renewals only.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters. As always, if you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at 217-785-9978 or at paul.h.brown@illinois.gov.